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1. HAINALD OF LIPI CALLED AT OUR EMBASSY AND AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY TODAY WITH COPIES OF LETTERS, DATED FEBRUARY 22, WRITTEN BY IMMIGRATION DIRECTORATE GENERAL APPROVING VISA ISSUE FOR 20 EXPEDITION MEMBERS (INCLUDING SHIAO CHUN TU, WHO HAS WITHDRAWN). LETTERS GIVEN US WERE ADDRESSED TO INDONESIAN CONSULATE GENERAL SAN FRANCISCO AND INDONESIAN EMBASSIES LONDON, SINGAPORE AND KUALA LUMPUR. LETTER ADDRESSED TO INDONESIAN EMBASSY CANBERRA WAS GIVEN TO AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HERE.

2. IN ORDER FOR EXPEDITION MEMBERS TO GET THEIR INDONESIAN RESEARCH VISAS THEY NEED TO HAVE THE LETTERS IN REFERENCE, OR ALTERNATIVELY, THE REFERENCE NUMBER OF THOSE LETTERS. THE ALTERNATIVE IS SUPPOSEDLY ACCEPTABLE ONLY IF IMMIGRATION DIRECTORATE GENERAL HAS TELEGRAPHED APPROVAL TO THE PERTINENT VISA ISSUING OFFICE GIVING APPROVAL. ASSUMING HOWEVER THAT IMMIGRATION HAS SENT UNCLASSIFIED

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TELEGRAM THE VISA APPLICANT STILL NEEDS THE LETTER OR ITS

REFERENCE NUMBER. PROBLEM APPEARS TO BE THAT IMMIGRATION MAY NOT HAVE SENT THE LETTERS, OR ONLY JUST SENT THEM, BECAUSE IT WAS HOLDING THEM UNTIL IT HAD RECEIVED MONEY FOR SENDING VISA APPROVAL TELEGRAPHICALLY. IF SO, SOME OF THE VISA APPLICANTS MAY NOT GET THEIR LETTERS FOR WEEKS.

3. ACCORDING HAINALD IMMIGRATION HAS SENT TELEGRAPHIC APPROVAL TODAY, MARCH 7. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT IMMIGRATION MAY IN FACT NOT HAVE SENT TELEGRAMS BUT ONLY LETTERS. IN THIS CASE HAINALD BELIEVES IT POSSIBLE APPLICANTS MAY BE ABLE TO GET INDONESIAN VISAS ON THE STRENGTH OF THE REFERENCE NUMBER OF THE APPLICABLE LETTER. WE RECOMMEND THAT APPLICANTS ATTEMPT TO PROCEED AT ONCE ON THIS BASIS.

4. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF ACTION ADDRESSEES WOULD TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS :

A. DEPARTMENT. INFORM PROF. CASE THAT LETTER REFERENCE NO. FOR JAMES ANDERSON, WAMPLER, HUMES AND SHIAO CHUN TU IS VK.507/VIS/97/XII. LETTER REFERENCE NO. FOR HIM, BARNES, HANSON, CORMIER, HARRINGTON, NICOL, MORIN AND LLOYD IS VK.393/VIS/97/XII. BOTH LETTERS ARE ADDRESSED TO INDONESIAN CONSULATE GENERAL SAN FRANCISCO. SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT MAKE URGENT REPRESENTATIONS TO INDONESIAN EMBASSY TO REQUEST EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING PROCESSING VISAS AND SHIP CLEARANCE.

B. AMEMBASSY CANBERRA. PLEASE INFORM PROF. BALL OR HORRIDGE THAT LETTER REFERENCE NO. FOR 5 EXPEDITION MEMBERS REQUESTING VISA ISSUANCE IN CANBERRA BEING TELEGRAPHED AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY JAKARTA TO FOREIGN OFFICE CANBERRA MARCH 7. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHEN ALPHA HELIX PLANS TO LEAVE CAIRNS.

C. AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR. INFORM DR. JONATHAN GREEN, SCHOOL OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA, HIS LETTER REFERENCE NO. IS VK.505/VIS/97/XII. HIS LETTER WAS ADDRESSED TO INDONESIAN EMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR.
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D. AMEMBASSY LONDON. INFORM DR. PETER HERRING, INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHIC SCIENCES, WORMLEY, GODALMING, SURREY, HIS LETTER REFERENCE NO. IS VK.396/VIS/97/XII. HIS LETTER WAS ADDRESSED TO INDONESIAN EMBASSY LONDON.

E. AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE. INFORM DR. IVAN POLUNIN, UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL MEDICINE

AND PUBLIC HEALTH, HIS LETTER REFERENCE NO. IS
VK.506/VIS/97/XII. HIS LETTER WAS ADDRESSED TO INDONESIAN
EMBASSY SINGAPORE.

5. WE ARE SENDING COPIES OF APPLICABLE REFERENCE LETTERS
TO CASE, GREEN, HERRING AND POLUNIN.

6. HANKAM (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE) FOREIGN LIAISON OFFICE
HAD TOLD US ASST NAV/ATT MARCINIAK SHIP CLEARANCE WOULD BE
READY THIS WEEK. EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE WENT TO HANKAM
TODAY TO PICK UP CLEARANCE AND WAS TOLD THAT HANKAM
OFFICE WHERE CLEARANCE PAPERS HAVE BEEN REPOSING FOR A
WEEK WAS WRONG OFFICE AND THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN AT
SURTA ABRI (ARMED FORCES MAPPING AND SURVEY OFFICE). LT.
SOEHANDA AT SURTA ABRI NOW HAS THE PAPERS. HE WOULD GIVE
NO ESTIMATE AS TO WHEN THEY MIGHT BE APPROVED. HE SAID
EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD CONTACT HIM AGAIN ON
MARCH 10 TO INQUIRE ABOUT STATUS. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW
THIS UP VIGOROUSLY.
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